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"A Puritan Outpost" Our Town History; You Will Want It

It should not be necessary to say that the book, entitled "A Puritan Outpost" is to be the official history of this town. Its preparation was considered several years ago when an appropriation was made by the town to write this history and a committee appointed to take charge. Mr. Herbert C. Parsons, our well known friend and native of this town who by reason of his long years in active participation in our affairs was chosen as the author of the new volume, a choice which will never be regretted, for out of his rich fund of memory and years of research this community will have, in printed form, a choice treasure.

The town made an appropriation of \$2,500 about a year ago to begin its publication, as the manuscript was ready for de-



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livery. The contract was awarded to the MacMillan Co., and for its money the town will receive 500 copies of the book which will be bookplated and autographed as well as numbered.

These books will be reserved for citizens of Northfield at a cost of only \$5.00 a copy with the privilege extended to our summer residents and former residents. The committee in charge consists of Charles C. Stearns, Frank W. Pearsall, A. Gordon Moody, Arthur P. Fitt, William A. Barr and Herbert C. Parsons, ex-officio. Mr. Stearns is the chairman and he has done a yeoman service in handling the executive affairs in connection with the production. He already reports an advance subscription list of over 200 copies and it is no idle threat to state that if you have not subscribed and want a copy, by all means fill out the subscription blank elsewhere in this paper and send it in, or you might find yourself outside the fold when the 500 copies have been taken; then purchase must be made direct of the publisher at an increase price.

Last week one of our residents spending the winter in Florida heard that the book was to be ready soon, about May 1, and immediately rushed her order through for four copies. Thus it goes on. Only 500 copies and already nearly half gone.

Speaks Of Children To The A. A. U. W.

Dr. Harriet L. Hardy was the speaker before the regular session of the County Association of University Women at Greenfield in Coleman hall at the Stoneleigh Prospect school, Thursday evening. Her subject concerned the "Health Problems of Children" and she spoke from her experiences in examining children about the schools and elsewhere and from her contacts in connection with the work of the S. P. C. C. There was a large attendance from here and Miss Helen Vorce was in charge of the transportation of local members.

Business Women Set Dinner Date

Local members of the County Business and Professional Women's Club are looking forward to the annual birthday dinner at the Weldon hotel on Tuesday evening, March 16. Mrs. Alfred Gordon Munro of Boston will be the guest speaker and she will give a full evening's program of readings in costume and a talk on the little known facts of the theatre. Members should make reservations immediately for the dinner and lecture.

Mrs. J. V. McNeil has returned to town and re-opened her home on Warwick avenue.

"Romance of Fabrics" Proved Interesting To The Fortnightly

The Fortnightly enjoyed one of the best programs of the season last Friday afternoon, in Mrs. Katherine Osborn's talk on "Romance of Fabrics." Mrs. Osborn was assisted in draping and arranging her display by Mrs. Laurence White. The charm of personality, her rich and varied vocabulary, her thorough knowledge of the subject, all contributed to the enjoyment of her talk.

Most of the fabrics displayed came from Benares, India, some from Java and some from Burma. Mrs. Osborn wove the story of these beautiful cloths about her long visit in India, and brought out many interesting facts connected with the life of the people there. She described the sumptuous garments worn by the wealthy Maharajahs. These garments and the jewels represent the wealth of the people; some of the fabrics being of pure gold, both rich and poor invest their wealth in this way. The turbans, which all men wear, contain six yards of cloth. Men of wealth have theirs ornamented with priceless jewels, they wear long strings of pearls, genuine flawless pearls most of which come from the pearl fisheries of the Persian gulf. These pearls are sometimes huge in size, perfectly matched. Rubies and sapphires are favorite jewels. They own fortunes in diamonds, too, but prefer the more colorful gems. These diamonds are rarely cut, they polish them highly instead. Many of the Maharajah govern feudal states and instead of being industrial, they are agricultural. Wealth in India is very unevenly distributed, hence the difficulties of these agricultural people.

The embroidery on many of the fabrics is done in China where they do beautiful work in this line. It is not one of the arts of India. Mrs. Osborn exhibited some of the garments called *olis*. These are worn by the women and look like a short bolero. The bands used for trimming, being very expensive, are cunningly arranged on the garment so that they will cover only the parts that show. Whole costumes of woven gold, some that stand up alone, some unbelievably light and delicate. Women go in bare feet wearing rings on their toes, jeweled ornaments on their ankles. The outfit on one woman, whom Mrs. Osborn met, was worth \$11,000.

The garments of the Mohammedans shown differed in design and richness from those of the Hindus, more barbaric. The form used for the designs on their garments is taken from the carved marble grills on their windows.

The people in the rural districts wear more primitive fashions. Mrs. Osborn showed two samples of trimming in long strips which she got in the famous Khyber Pass. The design is made of wax, executed, apparently, with great ease by the artists. Mrs. Osborn compared the brilliant coloring of the island of Java with the rather dull color of India, and contrasted the fabrics of the two countries; showing that the Javans, having so much color about them, select sombre tints for their clothing. The Java Batik were very interesting. She spoke of the richness and profusion of the orchids and gardenias in Java; as abundant as our daisies.

Members carried away a vision of the great charm and beauty of rich, colorful clothing, and the effect it may have on life.

The meeting scheduled for this Friday evening will be held at the home of Mrs. George Pfefferle. Mrs. Montague will give a talk on "Massachusetts Historical Shrines." This should prove an enjoyable evening. An afternoon of music is promised for the meeting on March 12, in Alexander hall at 3 o'clock. The music committee is in charge of Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster, chairman. Past presidents of the club will be the honored guests. Mrs. Joseph Field is hostess.

Located At Hartford

Rev. Edward C. Morgan who since his ordination as deacon upon graduation from Harvard Divinity school and the Episcopal Theological school, has been assistant at the Pro-Cathedral church of the Nativity at Bethlehem, Pa., has accepted a call to Christ Church Cathedral at Hartford, Ct., in a similar capacity and is now located there.

Haigis Wants A Broadcasting Station For Greenfield

Sensing that Greenfield is a logical location for a broadcasting station in this district, Hon. John W. Haigis has made application at Washington for a permit to construct one. Should the permit be granted it would be the only broadcasting station between Springfield, Vt., and Springfield, Mass., and between Worcester, Mass., and Albany, N. Y. Mr. Haigis states that "For the past six months, engineers have been investigating the lo-



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cal situation, and report very favorable conditions for splendid reception. I am satisfied that should installation of the new station be granted here it will prove of real value and that it will receive the support and good will of the residents of the county and adjacent territory."

While plans are being held in abeyance, Haigis said he had under consideration a location for the studio and transmitter, which would be announced as soon as a permit was issued.

"My son John W. Haigis, Jr., now a sophomore at Amherst college, will be associated with me in the business and will probably have the active management. The new enterprise should also furnish employment for several people."

Girl Scout Rally

This month the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scout movement is to be celebrated all over the United States as well as in the thirty-one other countries in the World Association of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. On Friday, March 12, at 10 p. m. a nation-wide broadcast over the Blue network of the National Broadcasting Company will be heard, with Mrs. Herbert Hoover, President of Girl Scouts, Inc., as principal speaker.

The Northfield Girl Scout committee plans to observe this momentous occasion with a public Girl Scout rally in the town hall on Wednesday evening, March 31. At this first rally to be held by the local troops, demonstrations of different activities enjoyed by the Scouts will be shown. The program will include signalling and first-aid, games and folk dances, and a one-act play by each troop under the direction of Lieut. Priscilla Abbott. Capt. Gertrude Potts and Capt. May Thompson are in charge of their troops' activities.

The final and most important part of the program to the Scouts is the investiture of four Tenderfoot Scouts, and the awarding of one first-class badge and eight second-class badges, and several proficiency badges. A guest speaker, to be announced later, will award the badges.

It is to be hoped that all interested in our girls, and those recognizing the value of Girl Scouting in helping to build and influence character will show their enthusiasm for this movement by attending this rally, which is free to the public.

Chosen At Oberlin

S. Douglas Polhemus of Northfield, has been named to membership on the student Shansi committee of Oberlin college.

The Shansi committee which is composed of members from each of the four classes directs the student relations with the Oberlin school in Shansi, China. The president of this school is Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance of China. Each year the committee selects representatives from the senior class to spend three years teaching in the Chinese school.

Polhemus, who is a junior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Polhemus.

Spring Meeting Of Historical Society; Hear English History

Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Barr on Main St. Tuesday evening, the members of the Northfield Historical society heard a most interesting talk on some English history of the time of Charles I, by Mr. Barr. He also recited some of the episodes of history of the town of Hadley, Mr. Barr, long a student of historical matters proved that he was no stranger to books and records dealing with past happenings. Miss Daisy Holton, the president, presided at the meeting and during the consideration of business affairs, arrangements were made for the planting of an oak tree near the monument marking the site of the first religious worship in Northfield. At the next meeting of the society in June, Mrs. Frank H. Montague will speak at some length upon the historical shrines of the state. The talk will be illustrated by stereopticon and will probably be held in Dickinson Library hall.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Mission Board Sec'y, Retires This Year

Announcement is made of the retirement of Rev. Dr. Robert Elliott Speer this summer from the Senior Secretaryship of the Presbyterian Board of Missions, owing to his having reached the age limit of seventy years as prescribed under the church retirement rules. Dr. Speer is no stranger to Northfield and is a incorporator and trustee of the Northfield schools and visits us frequently. Elliott Speer, former president of the schools and headmaster at Mount Hermon was his son. Dr. Speer was a former moderator of the Presbyterian church in the United States. For 46 years he has served with the Foreign Missions Board. His birthday will come in September.

To New York

Members of the Northfield Garden club are seriously considering attending the Flower Show in New York, Tuesday, March 16. The N. Y. N. H. & H. railroad will run a special train for the accommodation of the Garden clubs in Western Massachusetts on that day and the fare for the round trip from Springfield is only \$2.00. The train will leave Springfield at 7:00 a. m. and arrives in New York at 10:20 a. m. and leave New York for the return trip at 8:47 p. m. and is due at Springfield at 12:05 a. m. This will allow between ten and eleven hours in New York for shopping, lunch and the flower show. Those interested, please get in touch with Miss Blanche I. Corser, as tickets must be purchased in advance.

Our Florida Group

On Washington's birthday, Prof. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage entertained the "Northfield Group" at their new home, "Five Acres of Sunshine," located in the midst of a newly planted orange grove on Holden avenue, Orlando, Florida. The refreshments consisted of good old-fashioned New England home-made pumpkin pie, doughnuts, and coffee. The guests included Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Brown, Mrs. Flora Buffum, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Coburn, Miss Alice B. Duncan, Mrs. Helen L. Goddard, Miss Mary J. Hills, Miss Carrie L. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Smith, Miss Virginia Smith, and Mrs. Bessie Symonds. This was the fourth gathering of the group at which all fifteen have been present. Last week Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Miss Smith left for Deland and this week Mrs. Symonds goes to Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Enjoyed Evening

The Young People's Social club had another of their pleasant evenings last Monday at Alexander hall. There was a large attendance. Leon Dunnell, Miss Helen Conley and Miss Dean of the Youths Hostel kept everyone actively engaged and interested in some social event. The next meeting is being arranged for Monday evening, March 15.

Anyone having some good records or games which they might donate for the pleasure of these young people may be assured that such donations will be welcomed.

Good thoughts and good things do survive in this world.

Mrs. H. K. Brainard, Summer Resident Here For Many Years, Dies

Mrs. Rachel Frances Bright Brainard is dead at the age of 87 years. Word came to Northfield of her passing on Wednesday of this week at her home in Thompsonville, Conn. She had been ill only a short time. She was the widow of Horace King Brainard, prominent in the business and civic activities of his town who died in Florida in 1926.

Mrs. Brainard was born in Thompsonville, the daughter of Benjamin and Rachel Wallace Bright, and was a life-long resident there. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church, active in all of its doing and particularly interested in its missionary effort. In earlier years, especially in the days of Mr. Moody she had become interested with her husband in the summer conferences and built a woman of fine impulses possessing a noble Christian character and very loyal to her church and the religious efforts of the Northfield General Conference. She was both loved and loving and in her passing another prominent figure of the past goes to be with the Master.

She leaves two sons, Horace B. of Thompsonville and Leslie C. of West Hartford; two daughters, Bessie L. wife of John F. Schmadeke of Brooklyn, and Marjorie W., wife of Willard C. Fuller of Springfield, and four grandchildren.

The funeral is being held today (Friday) at her home with Rev. W. Fletcher Daum officiating. Burial will be in the Enfield Street cemetery. It is expected that several friends from Northfield will attend the service.

Grace H. McLean

Mrs. Grace Hazeltine McLean, a well known summer resident of Rustic Ridge in East Northfield, died at her home in Roxbury on Thursday, Feb. 25 after a long illness. She was the widow of Alphonse McLean. Her funeral was held the following Saturday at her home. Her many friends will miss her here this summer. She was a woman of fine Christian character, unassuming and always abounding in some good work.

The Senior Class Washington Trip

The senior class of the Northfield High School is busy with preparations for their trip to Washington during the spring vacation. The fund is now practically complete. The sum of \$725 is now on hand which is enough to insure that the young people will have their trip, although a further small sum may be needed for certain incidentals. The money includes ten dollars earned and contributed by each student of the class and the proceeds of numerous benefits given by friends of the young people. Gratification is being expressed at the completion of the fund because there was doubt early in the year that the necessary amount could be raised because of the size of the class. It is one of the largest ever graduated from Northfield High. There are twenty-three members.

The class was determined, however, not to miss this trip to our nation's capital which for several years has been looked upon as the outstanding event of the public school course in Northfield. The class organized before the close of school last year and devoted much time this past summer to plans. The first benefit was held before the opening of school in August at the home of Mrs. A. P. Fitt in East Northfield. During the winter a number of benefits were held under the auspices of various organizations and groups of townspeople with the cooperation of students and teachers.

Present plans are to make the journey by bus and it will include a boat trip from Providence to New York. The Northfield young people will be joined by other high school groups before reaching Washington. The officers of the class are Susanna Wilder, president; Elizabeth Miller, vice-president; Thomas Parker, treasurer; and Evelyn Clough, secretary.

Leverett Candee of Boston, a frequent visitor in Northfield, and a friend of the Seminary is making rapid recovery at the home of a relative in Branford, Ct., after having been struck by an automobile in Boston. He was a patient at the Boston City hospital for some weeks.

Planning Board Book Of Many State Facts; Valued Publication

The 490 page report of the State Planning Board which is a "Book of A Million Massachusetts Facts," has been received by the Editor of the Press and contains a most comprehensive survey of the state's resources, industries, recreation, and other activities. The book will be of value for reference by many in Northfield and the Editor's copy will soon find its way to the local library.

In a text of 400 pages, including 72 statistical tables and more than 200 maps and charts, the board describes existing resources of the state in land use, water supply, industry, recreation, transportation, public works and other major activities on a scale more extensive than has ever been offered before. Experts say the report not only shows vital facts of the state's present position, but lays the basis for large gains and constructive economies in the future.

Detailed surveys made during the past year in more than 300 Massachusetts municipalities underlie one section of the report. They show, for the first time, the quality of land classified in each town, the uses to which it is being put, types of buildings in all less-thickly settled areas, together with the roads and other transportation facilities in each community. It is believed the work should be of immediate value in guiding the development of profitable land use in all parts of the state, and should have particular value in determining the areas best adapted for reforestation.

In the field of industry the state planning board offers numerous statistical studies of a type never before attempted. These studies show what industries are most important to Massachusetts, both in volume of employment given and in the amount of capital invested.

Far-reaching study of recreational facilities in the Bay State is summarized in the report. Among other points urged regarding effective use of Massachusetts' recreational resources, the report states that the state's citizens and for the important economic value that is now being gleaned from recreation as a profitable "industry" in Massachusetts.

The results offered in the report have been made available at very slight cost to the state through the assistance of many scores of WPA workers employed at an expense to the federal government of more than \$324,000. The federal relief workers on these projects have at all times been guided and directed in their labors by officials of the state board, thus accomplishing studies which otherwise would have required a large outlay of the commonwealth's funds. In the orderly development of Massachusetts' resources this work, said the planning board, "should bring about cumulative benefits and avoidance of waste worth many times the cost of the effort."

In a letter received from Mrs. E. Gertrude Miller of San Pedro, San Marcos, Guatemala, she wishes to be remembered to all friends in Northfield. It has been several years since she spent the summer here at her home on the hillside but with pleasure recalls the pleasant experiences and memory of friends. She is enjoying her stay in Guatemala.

The ideal husband seems to be a law-abiding fellow that no other woman would take as a gift.

Co-operative Plan For Land Owners Is Now Suggested

A dual program for the improvement of agricultural conditions in New England is suggested in the report of the Franklin County Forestry Program committee. The committee, formed by the Massachusetts Forest and Park association and the Franklin County Selectmen's association, has been studying the problem of the county's land-owners all winter and the report summarizes not merely present conditions but also makes four specific suggestions for improvement. A committee to work out these suggestions is being formed and, if the ideas are generally accepted, a non-profit corporation to manage the project will be formed.

The major item in the program aims at assisting the farmers of the county to obtain a larger return from assets already in existence. Indeed, the program aims at making it possible for the farmer to cash in upon assets which, under present conditions, cannot be sold profitably. The first step in accomplishing this would be the formation of a voluntary co-operative association of the farmers. This association would employ an agent who would tour the county and list all assets that members possessed. This done, the agent would become a salesman and sell the assets in the general market. For example, no matter how large a wood-lot a farmer might have, it is not always profitable for him to cut timber, have it sawed and then find a market. But the association could sell a large order of spruce or of pine or birch and then fill the order by collecting in small quantities the logs from its members, sawing and selling it in a single lot. By this means each farmer would actually receive more for his trees with much less cost in selling than he could alone. This plan, the report points out, can be extended to almost everything the farmers produce on their woodlots.

But this is not all—the plan hopes to develop assets now going to waste. Such a one is the wild life which, living in the hill farms are shot by hunters who pay only a state license. The association, if formed, hopes to gather up groups of farms into compact areas and then sell the rights to trespass for fishing and hunting to either individuals or clubs, giving them exclusive rights or what amounts to private game preserves. By this means, the farmers would cash in upon a wild crop which now gives them no return at all.

The second major part of the dual plan calls for educational service to farmers and united action in matters such as better forest fire protection, more adequate insect and tree disease suppression and the development of forest reserves and other items of conservation. Specifically, the plan, as drawn up by the committee, calls for the extension of existing state forests, the establishment of town forests, the enlargement of the Mt. Toby Demonstration Forest, the saving of several areas of outstanding beauty and interest and better forest fire protection in Bernardston, Uxbridge, Colrain, Conway, Heath, Hawley, Leverett, Leyden, Montague, Northfield, Orange, Rowe, Shutesbury, Wendell, and Whately.

Dr. Paul Moody, president of Middlebury College will speak at the morning service at Sage Chapel, Northfield Seminary, Sunday morning, April 4th.

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LOCALS

The Sacred Concert of the Northfield Schools will be given on Sunday afternoon, May 16, under the direction of Prof. Melvin L. Gallagher and will be broadcast. The entire student body will take part and six of the oldest hymns of Mr. Moody's favorites and several anthems will be sung. It is expected that an unusually large throng will come to Northfield to enjoy this concert.

Seminary Tree Day will be on Saturday, May 15, when the pageant, "Cinderella" will be given on the field between Marquand hall and Perry pond.

Rev. Herbert F. Randolph of the Methodist church in Greenfield extends a cordial invitation to friends in Northfield to attend the D. L. Moody service and addresses in his church Sunday, March 7. At 11 a. m. the sermon is on "The Faith of D. L. Moody" and in the evening at 7 o'clock the address on Mr. Moody's life and work will be illustrated.

Dr. J. L. Peacock, summer resident here and former president of the Rustic Ridge association, gave a most interesting address on Northfield and the life of D. L. Moody before the Rotarians at Tarboro, N. C., last week.

Word of the sudden death of Thomas A. Mason was received in town last week-end. Although owning a beautiful home here, and occupied during the summer by his sister, Mrs. Mary Bardwell, he lived in New York where he died. He was 58 years of age and was a descendant of one of the old families of this town. His grandfather was the Rev. Thomas Mason a pastor of the Unitarian church here from 1799-1830. Surviving are his wife, his sister and three nieces.

If you are going to Greenfield and want to take your dog along it would be better to leave him in the car or keep him on leash. All dogs are restrained in Greenfield owing to the suspicions of rabies prevailing in an unidentified dog at large.

With the defeat of the Rugg team by the Northfield bowling team last week by a score of 4-0, the position of first place in the league is accorded to Northfield. The players on the local team in the last game were Dale, Dunning, Browning, Gingras, Ware, and Porter. They are a formidable array.

All farmers expecting to qualify for Forestry Practices under the 1937 Agricultural Conservation program should communicate with the Extension office immediately so that the Extension Forester, Robert B. Parmenter, may approve their practice.

"Green Light," which will be shown at the Auditorium in Brattleboro for three days, beginning next Sunday will draw many from here who appreciate a good picture and a fine evening's entertainment.

The dentists of the Valley District of the State Dental Society are sponsoring a radio broadcast upon important subjects concerning the dental interests on Wednesdays at 11 o'clock mornings and on Saturday afternoons at 6 o'clock over station WSPR of Springfield.

The new lock boxes for the Northfield post office have arrived and were installed Wednesday by contractor Stebbins. There will be no more free call boxes. Individual mail will be handled hereafter through the lock box or through General Delivery.

LOCALS

The Northfield basketball team defeated the Acute team Wednesday evening by a score of 31-12.

The fire department was called twice for chimney fires during the past week. One was a chimney fire in the tractor block and the other a chimney fire at the home of Chief Helen Stearns.

The Mother's society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. George Norton at her home on the barnum road next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. Mrs. Fred Palmer and Mrs. Harry James will speak on the "Changing Child." All interested are invited.

The Girl Scouts of Troop I held their meeting at Alexander hall Tuesday afternoon to study first-aid and fire prevention. Last Sunday they went on a hike to Hogsback and prepared their own meals. The troop is losing two valued members by removal. Jean and Margery Martin. Troop information is provided by Ellen Giebel as scribe.

At the Franklin County hospital Sunday, Feb. 28, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Sibley of this town.

"Cappy Ricks" had a professional rendering over the radio last Monday evening by Charles Wininger, Richard Arlen and Sally Eilers in the leading roles. It was produced at Hollywood and many in town listened in with much pleasure because of the local amateur production at town hall recently under the auspices of the Fortnightly. It came via WABC.

The large barn which stood on the Urganewicz place in West Northfield on the road to the station has been taken down and rebuilt on the former Randall place which Mr. Urganewicz has purchased. The farm between the barn and the Schell bridge was so badly destroyed by last year's flood that its use is ended. The barn was a substantial one of good-sized timbers and in most excellent condition.

Next Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock in the Methodist church at Greenfield, Rev. H. F. Randolph has invited a group of Mt. Hermon students to conduct the young people's meeting.

The new section of the Winchester road over the mountain is not finished nor open to travel notwithstanding the report of some ambitious newspaper correspondents in Northfield. It is possible to go through but preferably better traveling via Hinsdale. Not until warmer and fairer weather will it be possible to finish the highway with its covering of gravel and coating of tar.

SOUTH VERNON

Services at the South Vernon church Sunday will be as follows: Morning worship, 10:45; church school, 12:15; evening worship 7:00. Mid-week service at the Vernon Home Thursday at 7:00 p. m.

The South Vernon P. T. A. held a regular business meeting at the South School Tuesday evening.

Warren G. Brown returned to his home for a visit with his mother, Mrs. M. H. Brown over the election period in Vernon.

E. W. Dunkles and D. W. Johnson spent the election day, Tuesday, here from their duties at the State House in Montpelier.

Thursday evening of last week a card party was held at the South school and nine tables were in play. Harry Amadeu, Harold Guild and Mrs. Martineau

Walter Hampden in Ibsen's Comedy At Shubert, Boston

Walter Hampden, putting aside the doublet and hose of his many famous, romantic characterizations, is bringing Henrik Ibsen's militant comedy, "An Enemy of the People," to the Shubert Theatre, Boston, for a two weeks' engagement beginning Monday, March 8, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

Ibsen wrote this play shortly after the publication and production of "Ghosts," but never wrote two works from the same pen more dissimilar. "Ghosts" had been condemned by the press of Norway and the world, and Ibsen himself had been mercilessly excoriated for writing a play that was called indecent, fetid and decadent. The grim son of the Vikings was full of fight in those days, and smarting under what he considered the hypocritical blows of his detractors, he came back at them with "An Enemy of the People," in which he witheringly ridiculed their smug complacency and assumption of virtuous superiority.

Dr. Stockmann in this comedy is really Ibsen himself at bay. There are few scenes in modern drama as soundly built as that of the mass meeting wherein the doughty doctor faces his sullen neighbors who have rejected his idealistic efforts in their behalf; and few heroic stands in history as dramatically, and, withal, as pathetically, effective, as when he calmly casts defiance in the face of the mob, whipping it finally into a flashing heat of resentment by the devastating eloquence of his delivery and the unpalatable truth of his accusations. This anger bursts into a personal attack upon the doctor himself and his stoning of his home and family, while he is publicly branded as an enemy of the people.

But Dr. Stockmann, like Ibsen, towers majestically in his defeat; he who stands highest, he says, must stand alone; in Stockmann's case it was alone save for his wife and children.

Ridicule, satire, irony, humor — these are the weapons Ibsen uses in "An Enemy of the People." There is nothing abstruse, no hidden meanings. Dialogue and action are objective — direct and to the point; in this respect being so different from "Ghosts."

In the company of fifty are such clever actors as Mabel Moore, Marjorie Jarecki, Constance Pellissier, Elizabeth Farrar, C. Norman Hammon, Hannam Clark, Dodson Mitchell, Albert Van Dekker, Allen Nourse, Albert Bergh, Conrad Cantzen, Mortimer Weldon, Arthur Gilmore, and Ricard Bowler.

were the committee in charge. Refreshments were served. First prize went to Kenneth Mulroney and Marguerite Scherlin.

Farmers in this section have begun to gather sap for the making of maple sugar. Some of the finished product has already been placed on the market.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harris have moved from Northfield into the new home recently purchased by them in South Vernon. Mr. Harris is being accorded a generous patronage in his new store and market.

Up in Hillsboro, N. H., they have an Instrumental Band and it was chartered by the State Legislature in 1825 making it one of the oldest musical organizations in the country. The band played as an organization at the reception to Lafayette at Concord in 1826 and at the reception to President Jackson five years later. A series of concerts is given by the band each summer at Hillsboro.

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HERMON NEWS

The week-end of March 5-7 has been set aside for vocational guidance under the direction of several qualified men in various trades and professions. They are Mr. James L. Ellenwood, a well known leader in the Methodist church and the YMCA, Mr. Herbert Saul who is connected with the Personnel department of the Edison Electrical Co., and the department of Guidance, Boston YMCA, Mr. George H. Estabrook, professor of psychology at Colgate. Mr. Estabrook, an Oxford graduate, was a member of the first-year committee last year. Mr. Brooke Anderson, a member of the Executive Committee on Foreign Policy Association of Rhode Island, will speak on politics. Dr. Luther C. Weigle, Dean of the Yale Divinity school, will discuss the ministry as a possible vocation. Others coming are Roy Coombs, a former teacher at Newton, Pa., Vocational school, and Edward Bartholomew, head of the metallurgical department of the United Shoe Machinery Co., and Hermon alumnus '04.

Conferences will be in the form of group meetings and personal interviews with the above mentioned men. Sunday morning Dean Deigle will address the school from the Memorial pulpit. Questions to be discussed as outlined by Dr. Porter are: What are my general capacities and fundamental urges? Do I have essential scholarly tendencies or am I primarily interested in activities?

Last Saturday before the regular entertainment, the Junior class staged and produced the play, "Submerged." The action which took place in a sunken submarine was remarkably realistic, and skillfully brought to life by a competent cast under the direction of Mr. Burdick. On Saturday, March 6, the freshman class will present George M. Cohan's play, "Common Clay." The play is directed by Mr. Glazier and Mr. Niblock, both of the English department.

Speaking from the pulpit last Sunday morning was Rev. Charles Wesley urns. Rev. Robert M. Russell of Larchmont, N. Y., was the speaker at Vespers.

Andy Kerr's visit which was postponed a week became a reality last Saturday when he spoke vividly to an enthusiastic audience in assembly. Andy, who coaches at Colgate, talked on what he considered the superior athlete.

Mount Hermon's basketball quintet suffered defeat at the hands of the Williston hoop team last Saturday by the score of 37-23. Holcombe, Williams, and Willis were high scorers for Hermon as were Kelly, Fleming, and Wilson for Williston.

Also on Saturday, Hermon mat grapplers lost to the Williams Frosh at Williamstown by the score 23-13. McGregor, Nicolaisen, and Capt. Stata won their matches. Nicolaisen floored his opponent in 3:53 with a head and arm lock. McGregor pinned his man in four minutes and Stata won from his opponent on a time decision.

Winners of the varsity "H" in basketball, skiing, swimming, wrestling and hockey have been announced. In basketball letters were awarded to Paul E. Affleck, Ralph L. Mabie, Charles E. Willis, Jr., Theodore R. Yale, Joseph D. Salisbury, James N. Williams, Harold M. Holcombe, John I. Vanderwater, Walter E. Seibert, and Manager Arthur R. Elliott. Skiing awards to Elvind Erichsen, Philip Hamlin, Charles L. Dubuar, William J. Thomson, Rolfe L. Carmean, Grove W. Deming, Jr., and E. John Douglas, manager. Swimmers receiving letters were: Capt. Franklin B. Mayer, Watson W. Magill, Milton A. Wilde, Harold F. Zimmerman, John P. Robinson, Jr., Charles B. Webster, John L. Ayer, Richard T. Hicks, John L. Raachbacher, Robert deVeer, Sewell T. Butler, Henry J. Adams, Phillip C. Roberts, and manager Richard M. Perlestein. Those receiving awards in wrestling: Albert L. deGraffenried, Capt. Charles M. Stata, Francis R. McGregor, Edmund C. Hoffman, Christian B. Nicolaisen, Herbert A. Brown, Arthur E. Hannum, William M. Hankins, Alexander L. Warden, James O. Howland, Raymond Burbank, manager. In hockey the awards were: Robert J. Watson, Melville B. Eaton, William T. Stewart, Daniel H. Noonan, Charles F. Hoelker, Franklin D. Tucker, John E. Boeing, Charles C. Davis, Jr., Glen W. Giebel, William W. Thomas, William C. White, Richard F. Buck, Phillip L. Cutler, William J. Luhrszen, Alexander Murdoch and Jerry McKee, manager.

Bids have been advertised for the construction of the new bridge across the Connecticut river at the Turners Falls dam from that town to Riverside in Gill. The bridge will be of steel and concrete with six spans. When completed it will afford another direct highway from the south and will bring Northfield nearer to Hampshire county by way of the Gill road.

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WESTERN:—

Thirsty Range	Mann
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Texas Sheriff	Sunningham
Riders of the Chaparral	Rodney
Lords of the Coast	Gregory
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Beyond the Desert	Rhodes
Montana Road	Drago
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To Ride the River	Raine
Kingdom of Cactus	Seltzer

MYSTERY:—

Dead or Alive	Wentworth
Curse of the Colophon	Goodspeed
Floating Peril	Oppenheim
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Why Shoot A Butler	Heyer
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Case of Gold Coins	Wynne
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Thank You, Mr. Moto	Marquand
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LITERARY FICTION:—

Walk Humbly	Stevens
Sparkenbroke	Morgan
The Thinking Reed	West
If I Have Four Apples	Lawrence
It Can't Happen Here	Lewis
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Time Out Of Mind	Field
Silas Crockett	Chase
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Yang and Yin	Hobart
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TRAVEL:—

Seven League Boots	Haliburton
In the Steps of the Master	Morton
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BIOGRAPHICAL:—

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Rocking Horse Ranch	Owen
Sun Bird	Hunt
Denmark Caravan	Knight
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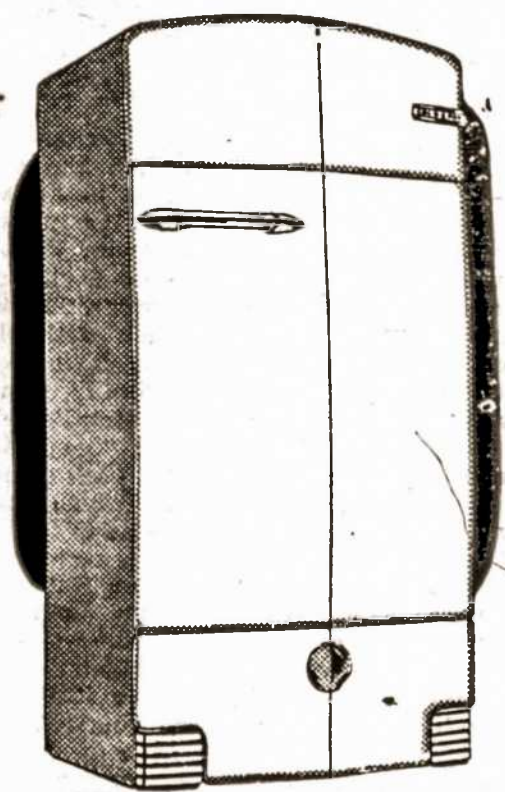
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